

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council
on Thursday 27th July 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: (Cllrs), J Lang, A Levett, P Phillips, T Footman, N Whyatt, S Breeze and I McArdle.

In attendance: Mr. R Hume (Clerk) and one member of the public.

154 To receive apologies for absence and also declaration of interests from members

Apologies were received from Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Whelan.

No declarations of interest were recorded

155 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 6th July 2006.

The minutes were amended as follows

Cllr Breeze was added to those attending.

147.2 Crime and disorder partnership, places were booked for Cllr Whelan and Cllr Breeze.

147.3 Cllr Hawkins had not suggested the youth club idea but had supported the idea.

148.1 Payments had been proposed by Cllr Lang

The chairman then initialed the amendments, also each page and signed the minutes as a true record

156 Matters arising for information only.

156.1 School Flashing lights - No progress

156.2 Allotments - a letter had been received from the councils insurers.

It would not be possible to include the allotments on the policy as the council were not solely responsible for maintenance and upkeep.

156.3 Village map – No progress, the clerk was asked to write to Signworks giving a deadline.

157 Matters carried forward from the last meeting for discussion / decision and new items

157.1 Highways – Letter from Dennis Vacher regarding the visibility splays at the junction of Clare Drive and Highfields Road. He is arranging a meeting on site with Bloor homes.

157.2 TKA Tallent – Brian Heffernan (SCDC) had declined an invitation to attend a council meeting. He is arranging a meeting with those affected, probably in September.

The council is not able to pursue an appeal to the ombudsman but will support residents where it can. No further contact will be made with Brian Heffernan at this time.

There have been further reports from residents about the continuing noise problems.

157.3 Youth Issues – A letter had been received from the police responding to Cllr Baldwins letter. It was agreed that things have improved and the police had been patrolling. Residents should report ALL incidents of anti-social behavior. The clerk will arrange for the police letter to be published in the journal. The clerk was asked to thank Cllr Baldwin and also ask if other councilors could join in with the offered tour with the police officers (Cllr Breeze and Cllr Footman).

157.4 CCTV, The working party are investigating the cost of a camera system, it is likely to cost around £5000 for 3 cameras. 25 frames per second daytime, the disk needs changing every 23 days. Power supplies need investigating. Possibly from a street light.

157.5 Youth issues - Following a meeting and visit to Caldecote, Susannah Harris, Community Development Officer at SCDC - had agreed to pay for 50% of the cost of 6 sessions of the youth bus.

The Connexions youth bus will visit Caldecote 6 times in August.

For the 3 weeks from 14 August on:

Tuesdays 12:00 - 14:00

Thursdays 13:00 - 15:00

the cost to the Parish Council for each session will be £70 making a total of £420 for all six. (i.e. @ 50% = £210). Details of the bus project are available on

<http://www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/>

Publicity will be provided by the youth bus team and it should be in the journal.

The village hall committee have kindly agreed to provide electricity for the bus, if it is decided to park in their car park.

The youth bus do not currently have a vacant slot for a regular evening visit at the moment

157.6 Bus Service changes. There is now a 20 minute service during the day from Cambourne to Cambridge and Addenbrooks, Citi 4 (Uni 4). Timetable is on their web site

<http://www.stagecoachbus.com/uploads/c4u4%5B1%5D.pdf>

158. Finance and procedural matters

158.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

Expenditure for approval			CHQ NO.
Stationary ESPO	July (1) late payment July 6th	59.48	572
NEW PAYMENTS			
Roger Hume	Salary	281.42	573
Kathie Martlew (July)	Salary	34.00	DD
L Evans	Journal	36.05	574
SCDC	Election	47.27	575
MD Landscapes	June grass	634.50	576
Clerk Expenses	June	7.34	577
Glasdon	Litter bin	104.53	578
Caldecote Pre School	Donation	45.00	579
Cambourne Printing Services	Copying	31.49	580
Connexions Youth Bus	August sessions	210.00	584
	(Bill not available yet c/fwd)		

158.2 Grass Cutting Grant for the Church – £350 agreed as a late payment. (Chq 583) The clerk was asked to write to the church asking for the amount required for the next financial year (by November) so it can be included in the budget.

158.3 Insurance cover for new bus shelter – £46.13 (Chq 581)

158.4 Transfer of S106 payment from Ashwells to National savings treasurers account. £172,274.00 (chq 582)

158.3 CALC Training sessions available

Workshop Charity Trustees and the law - Saturday 9th Sept £40

Workshop Parish Council accounts Saturday 4th November £40

Councilor professional development stage 2 Saturday 30th Sept or 21st Oct (£35 or £25 if you attended stage 1)

Councilor professional development stage 2 Wed Evening 20th (£35 or £25 if you attended stage 1)

Councilor professional development stage 3 Saturday 20th or 31st January 2007 or February 24th 2007 (£35 or £20 if you attend stage 2)

The clerk requested the opportunity to attend the finance session if necessary (£40). No other requests had been notified.

On a resolution by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Whyatt all payments were approved, all invoices and cheque stubbs were initialed.

159. To attend to correspondence/communications received since the last meeting including**159.1 Parishioner correspondence**

159.1.1 TKA Emails from residents regarding continuing noise problems.

159.2 Other Correspondence

159.2.1 Village Amenity Brochure Update was received, the clerk has responded with information that needs updating on the facilities in Caldecote and the size of the village.

159.2.2 Gambling Act 2005 Draft policy was received, loaned to Paul Phillips for perusal by the village hall committee.

159.2.3 County Council - Transport Guide was received

159.2.4 Papworth Trust – a letter had been received recently about the removal of trees on the boundary of the Grayway Close public open space. The clerk has written to the trust explaining that Bloor had agreed to remove the trees before handing over of the area to the Parish Council.

It was felt that the fast growing conifers would require expensive maintenance if left in.

It would have been difficult to set up an agreement for the trust to contribute to the maintenance costs.

The trees were not on land owned by the trust. The trust had not objected to the removal at the time, but it may be that the persons consulted by Bob Tash (Bloors representative) did not have the authority to agree.

The Parish Council could not use public money to maintain a row of conifers to provide a screen for a private property.

The Parish Council made very effort to ensure the trust were aware that the conifers would be removed.

The clerk was asked to contact Bob Tash to see if Bloors would agree to provide a fence.

159.2.5 Letter from Cllr Baldwin to the Chief Constable

159.2.6 East of England Plan – Gypsy and traveler sites - the report was received.

159.2.7 Revision to Regional Spatial Strategy - the report was received

160 To attend to Planning received since the previous meeting

160.1.1 S1308/06/F Variation to allow additional 2 year period -2 single storey dwellings, no comments were offered

160.1.2 S0938/06/F extension and conversion of barn and cart shed into dwelling/garage and outbuilding. Revision to hard standing Info only.

Decisions/notifications - For information Only

160.1.3 S1211/06/F/MO conservatory 10 Grafton Drive – **Withdrawn**

160.1.4 S0667/06/F 26 East Drive – extended period - **approved**

161. The village development, recreation grounds and public open spaces.

161.1 Sport and Recreation – Report from meeting on 19th July.

The meeting had been poorly attended, Julie Barnes the architect had presented an ambitious plan for a new pavilion.

It was agreed that the sport and recreation committee should consider if the proposal was too ambitious, Next meeting is on 26th September.

It was a concern that this working party probably needs re-organising, it has a very important role.

161.2 Maintenance contract for sports fields – only one quotation had been received to date, others were awaited. The clerk was asked to write to MD landscapes explaining that the handover had not happened yet, and thanking them for their quote which would be considered when possible.

161.3 Playground Inspection – an incident with a small cut was reported, possibly caused by a projecting screw on one of the gates to the play area in Furlong Way, Has been attended to. It is possible these gates and fencing may need to be replaced. Budget item for 2007/8.

There was also a problem of drawing pins being used for notices and not being removed.

161.4 Private use of POS - Complaint from a resident. This had been investigated by councilors on the day and was not considered to be a problem. The complainant had not left any contact details in the two calls received.

161.5 Mills and Reeve letter re Bloor POS, it was not considered necessary to carry out full land searches, and the minimum required would be requested.

Proposed by Cllr Breeze, seconded by Cllr Lang

161.6 Taylor Woodrow – The clerk was asked to write pointing out that a recent house extension in Mitwell Close had resulted in planting being damaged in the border to the village green.

There was also cracking on the footpath and kerbing displaced on the open space path (village green)..

162 Councilors' items

162.1 Declaration of interests. As a result of CALC chairman training it was learnt that it may be possible to amend standing orders to revise the declaration of interest on planning items from living in the same road to a set distance. Item to be put on the next agenda, and the clerk will get advice from CALC.

162.2 Roadways. The holes in the road on the railway bridge have not been repaired.

162.3 West Drive residents have complained about speeding, the clerk was asked to pursue speed checks in Caldecote. The clerk will ask if children playing signs could be provided.

162.4 Roadway gulleys blocked in West Drive, (update- reported as in progress the day after the meeting)

162.5 Bloor POS paths overgrown

162.6 TKA Bourn Airfield exit - on to A428 roundabout, poor visibility from emerging traffic, the clerk will write to Nuttals.

162.7 A428 BP Garage licensing application for extended opening variation, the clerk will write to the licensing section at SCDC to object, pointing out the underage drinking problems in the village.

163. Closure of meeting and parish matters.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9-30 pm

Date of next meeting is 7th September 2006

Sport and Recreation Committee on 26th September 2006

No meetings scheduled in August, please note the clerk is on leave from 2nd to 30th August, agendas and notes would still be distributed a week before the next meeting.

Items for Note, if you wish to view any of these items please ask the clerk

Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with communities in Rural England) AGM Tuesday 5th Sept at Burgess Hall – St Ivo Centre St Ives

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____